

I find Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is appalling. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and the compromises made to large political donors. It doesn't have to be a direct link. Hit men aren't told to go kill someone--so it can be denied in court, some euphemism is used. Similarly, the lack of a direct link to any political party is no evidence whatsoever that this kind of action isn't just a cheap political hatchet job. This isn't news, this is propaganda.

Political infomercials like this, if they are continued to be allowed, need to be filtered through a fact-check system to validate them, or they should not be aired on publicly-provide airwaves.

I personally plan to boycott any advertisers of this programming and the stations, but it is the responsibility of national governmental oversight organizations like yours to prevent corporatization of public information and abuse of privileges made available through publicly-supported resources.